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SUBJ: SAN REMO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS (DC) LAUNCH
PROGRAMMATIC ALLIANCE WITH COMMUNISTS

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1. YESTERDAY, WITH THE GRUDGING ACQUIESCENCE OF THE PARTY'S PROVINCIAL AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, SANREMO'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC-LED MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION (GIUNTA) WAS RECONFIRMED IN POWER. TO THE 17 VOTES OF THE ORIGINAL COALITION PARTIES (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, SOCIALISTS, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, AND REPUBLICANS) WERE ADDED THE 9 OF THE COMMUNISTS FOR A TOTAL OF 27 OUT OF 40. THE COMMUNISTS DID NOT ENTER IN THE GIUNTA, BUT WERE GIVEN, INSTEAD, SEATS IN A NEWLY-CREATED "CONTROL COMMISSION" WHICH IS DESIGNED TO SERVE AS A WATCH-DOG FOR THE MAJORITY.

2. AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTTEL, THIS IS THE FIRST BREACH OF
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DC RESISTANCE TO COMMUNIST ALLIANCES IN LIGURIA. IT FOLLOWS ALMOST TO THE LETTER, THE "PROGRAMMATIC MAJORITY" FORMULA EARLIER SUGGESTED FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CRISIS, EVEN TO THE CREATION OF A "CONTROL COMMISSION" TO RUN HERD OVER THE GIUNTA.

3. THE DC PROVINCIAL AND REGIONAL COUNCILS COULD HAVE PRE-VAILED ON MAYOR VENTO FROM GOING THROUGH WITH THE AGREEMENT. INSTEAD, THEY CHOSE TO WASH THEIR HANDS OF THE WHOLE MATTER, AFTER SOME PERFUNCTORY HAND WRINGING AND EXPRESSIONS OF REGRETS OVER THEIR SANREMO COLLEAGUE'S DECISION.

COMMENT: DC REGIONAL LEADERS PREDICT THAT THE SANREMO "MINI COMPROMESSO STORICO" AS IT IS CALLED IN THE PRESS, WILL NOT LAST LONG. WHETHER OR NOT IT DOES, ITS EXAMPLE WILL CERTAINLY TEMPT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN LIGURIA AND ELSEWHERE TO FOLLOW SUIT, UNLESS, OF COURSE, THE DC LEADERSHIP IN ROME STEPS INTO THE BREECH, AND SOON. WE HAVE BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SANREMO ACCORD HAD RECEIVED THE IMPRIMATUR OF NONE OTHER THAN THE HONORABLE GUISEPPE PISANU, CHIEF OF DC SCRETARY GENERAL ZACCAGNINI STAFF.DISCIULLO

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